

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 9 have been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

35 USC 112 First Paragraph Rejections

The term "single field", as recited in the independent claims, finds specific support at lines 17-20 of specification page 10. As explained there, "extension portions specify packet group continues". A first extension portion defines a "new field packet for the packet group", and a second extension portion defines a "field continuation packet."

This concept is also described at lines 16-26 of specification page 13. In particular, the aforementioned extension portion that defines a "new field packet" is described (at lines 16-17 of page 13) as defining the first packet of a packet subgroup. Similarly, the aforementioned extension portion that defines a "field continuation packet" is described (at lines 18-19 of page 13) as defining a continuation packet.

The above-noted description of a "new field packet" and a "field continuation packet" is thus readily seen to support the claim recitation that "said at least one packet subgroup constitutes a single field".

Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

35 USC 112 Second Paragraph Rejection

Rejected Claim 4 has been amended above and is believed to comply with the second paragraph of 35 USC 112. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

Prior Art Rejections

All pending claims recite that

"a remainder of said further packets follow the first packet in said at least one packet subgroup and contain a continuation of content contained in the first packet such that said at least one packet subgroup constitutes a single field in the trace stream".

This exemplary feature has not been found to be taught or suggested by any of the references applied to reject Claims 1-4 and 6-10.

The Office Action alleges that the Maes InterFrames correspond to the claimed "*remainder of said further packets*", and that the Maes IntraFrame corresponds to the claimed "*first packet*". However, as Applicants have already explained in detail on the record, the Maes InterFrames contain speech data, whereas the Maes IntraFrame contains speech features (Maes 0111). These speech features represent the spectral envelope of the speech (Maes 0100). The speech feature is in fact used to produce the speech data (Maes

0098, 0100, 0105). Thus, although the contents of the various InterFrames (the alleged "*remainder of said further packets*") all have the same essential nature, nevertheless the content of every InterFrame differs in its essence from the content of the IntraFrame (the alleged "*first packet*"), so the InterFrames can in no way be fairly considered to contain "*a continuation of content contained in the first packet such that said at least one packet subgroup constitutes a single field in the trace stream*".

A previous Office Action appears to make much of the fact that Maes refers to the combination of an IntraFrame and its associated InterFrames as a Block. However, the reference to that combination as a Block is nothing more than a naming construct for referring to related frames. (Recall from the foregoing discussion of Maes that (1) the IntraFrame and its associated InterFrames are related, but (2) the contents of the InterFrames as defined by Maes nevertheless differ in kind from the content of the IntraFrame as defined by Maes.) Moreover, no reasonable reading of Maes even remotely indicates that the term "Block" confers upon the IntraFrame/InterFrames combination those attributes of the combination of first and remainder packets quoted above from Applicants' claims. Furthermore, any contention that use of the term Block does so confer those attributes on the IntraFrame/InterFrames combination would fly in the face of Maes' explicit teaching (explained previously on the record and rehearsed again hereinabove) that the essential nature of the IntraFrame content differs from the essential nature of the InterFrames content.

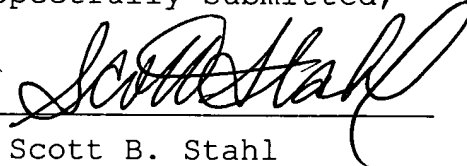
Jensen, Kapoor, and Williamson all fail to remedy the above-described deficiencies of Maes with respect to Claims 1-4 and 6-10.

Withdrawal of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons presented above, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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